

Setting Goals

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We could use relationship between fluvial fish and depleted August flow in Fish & Flow Study to define ecological goals for rivers and streams.

Goal Classes	Indicators	Example Ecological Criteria
1. Streams with Cold Water Communities	Brook Trout	No more than *30% change in Brook Trout abundance
2. All Streams except those in 1 & 3	Relative Fluvial Fish Abundance (RFFA)	No more than a *35% change in RFFA
3. Streams below major water uses	Relative Fluvial Fish Abundance	No more than a *65% change in RFFA

*Used as examples only, not a recommendation.

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